# MID YEAR REVIEW 2012

An in-depth look at the budget and economic factors of significance in the 2012 budget year as of 6/30/12







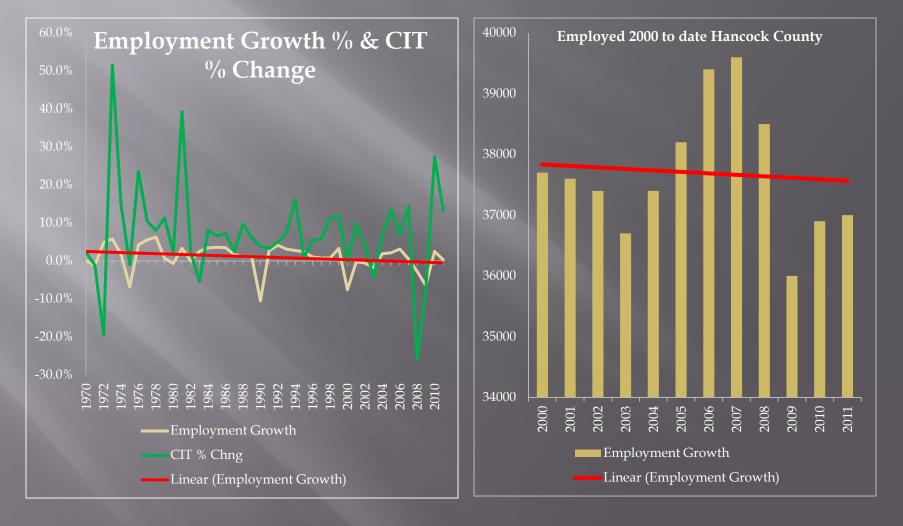
### **Economic Factors**

- Slow/Modest Economic recovery through 2013, Fed stating recession likely if Federal tax cuts not extended into 2013
- Increased potential for State control and authority over local governments not adjusting to budget realities
- Lowest interest rates on cash balances in recent history
- Number of people employed flat trending down for Hancock County over 10 years



### **Economic Factors**







### Economic Factors The Next 5 Months

Sun setting of ¼% City Income Tax which generates (\$4.2MM '11 & '12 projection)
 Loss of Local Government Funds (\$0.46MM)
 Loss of Tangible Personal Property Tax
 Elimination of Estate Tax (\$0.8MM budget)
 Business profits and tax payments are key

The 2012 permanent budget was not balanced with the 1/4% and a 90/10 Capital Improvement split



## Observations



- Extra ¼% assisting City through this downturn
- City has used capital funds and some reserves to subsidize operational expenses
- Return to normal Local 'Full Employment' will not make up ¼% Income Tax sunset
- 2013-2014 Budget plan must balance: Revenue, Expenses, Capital Improvements, Flood Mitigation and subsidies in a *sustainable* manner
- City tends to avoid recommended smaller regular increases to enterprise charges and user fees, causing need for larger sporadic increases
- There is no current consensus on what the priorities for funding should be.



### Capital Improvements

- Revenue projection 2012: \$2,000,000 on target
- Debt payments in 2012: \$949,600; 47.5% of the capital improvement's 2012 revenue
- Debt Policy is 33% of current year revenues
- Best Budgeting Practices GFOA recommended minimum reserve 25% of debt service plus match & contingencies; currently above the \$237,000 for debt leaving \$114,000 for match & contingencies
   2013 Projected Impact
  - Unknown GF Cap Impr Allocation currently 90% 10%
  - Large carry forward from 2011 not likely to repeat
- No Administrative estimate of deferred capital maintenance cost obligations



## **Capital & Streets**

- Widely used formula for street resurfacing: *Total Street Miles x 6.6% x Cost per Mile*; Findlay has 193.86 miles of paved street; Findlay avg. \$/per mile since 2007 is \$287,232
- Formula value: 193.86 x 6.6% x \$287,232/mi = \$3,675,000 per year in street work to keep pace with deterioration
- Per Engineering we currently have 27 miles of streets that need resurfacing at \$287,232/mi: <u>\$7,750,000 in deferred</u> <u>maintenance</u>
- Capital funds reduction in '10, '11, '12 for operations totaled \$6,065,000
- 2012 resurfacing projects total \$675,000; the anticipated \$600,000 ODOT grant will <u>not</u> be received in 2012

A review is needed of specifications and time requirements for patch maintenance to extend life of newly cut pavement /24/2012



### Water Fund

- Revenues projected 2012: on budget at \$7,848,600
- Debt payments in 2012: \$1,091,000; 13.9% of revenues
- Best Budgeting Practices GFOA recommend minimum reserve 25% of debt service, plus 2-3 months operations costs, \$1,756,000
- Projected 2012 year end balance \$1,104,400; which is short \$652,000
- However, several projects will not be fully expensed in '12 at or above shortfall amount
- Rate increase need indicated (rate model)



## WPC (Sewer) Fund

- Revenues projected 2012: on budget at \$8,499,600
- Debt payments in 2012: \$3,428,500; 40.3% of revenues
- Best Budgeting Practices GFOA recommend minimum reserve 25% of debt service, plus 2-3 months operations costs, \$1,985,000
- Projected 2012 year end balance \$1,646,500; which is short \$339,000
- However, several projects will not be fully expensed in '12 at or above shortfall amount.
- Have cash flow concerns due to debt payments.
- Rate increase need indicated (rate model)



#### 2012 General Fund Revenues

- Estimated Revenues 2012 \$25,484,000 Mid-Yr. Estimated Revenue 2012 - \$25,573,000; +0.3% of original estimate
- City income tax on projection line of original \$20,600,000 estimate currently +1.5%
- Real Estate, Hotel, Local Government, Income Tax, Estate tax currently net to +1.3%
- Expecting Estate tax windfall of \$890,000
- County awaiting word on local government funds
- Have not yet received \$200,000 Radio Contract Payment from Sprint/Nextel



#### 2012 Other Fund Revenues

SCM&R Streets: -0.5% adjusted for subsidy
 SCM&R Highways: -1.2%

 Court's Special revenue funds up across board others on budget

Airport revenues: +7.4% adjusted for subsidy

□ Parking: +5.5% adjusted for subsidy



#### 2012 General Fund Expenses

- Overall General Fund expenses appear on budget
- Storm related expenses still accruing
- Legislation needed at next meeting:
  - Council \$6,000 legals & meeting recording
  - WORC \$2,000 overtime related
  - Zoning \$150 overtime related
  - Cemetery \$3,000 overtime related
  - Airport \$6,400 real estate tax related non public use
  - Streets \$13,000 real estate tax related non public use



#### 2012 Other Fund Expenses

Overall Other Fund expenses appear on budget
Storm related expenses still accruing
Utility expenses currently appear on budget
SCM&R: -6.0%
Airport: +0.8%
Parking: +2.7%



# **Employee Count**

	2012	201
Full Time Employees	321	324
Part Time Permanent	9	12
Elected Employees	16	16
Seasonal (significantly more hours at higher rates)	44	25
Replaced 5 General Employees YTD		
Replaced 3 Fire Department Employees		
Replaced 6 Police/Dispatch Employees		
Did not replace 3 Full Time Positions		



### Health Insurance

- Have shifted significant amount of cost to employees with deductible and co-pay changes
- Currently lack proper structure to manage day to day improvements for continuous cost containment
- Council has approved Auditor to contract and enter RFP process for Brokerage portion
- Actuarial review nearly complete, will recommend modification to pricing strategy for cost containment, some expense growth anticipated for 2013
- Employee Health Committee will remain in place, wellness program discussion needed
- Per Broker analysis, when cost weighted by participant makeup, annual cost is within \$1,360 per plan (contract), per year of the norm
- As of 6/30 usage on track with Auditor's projections

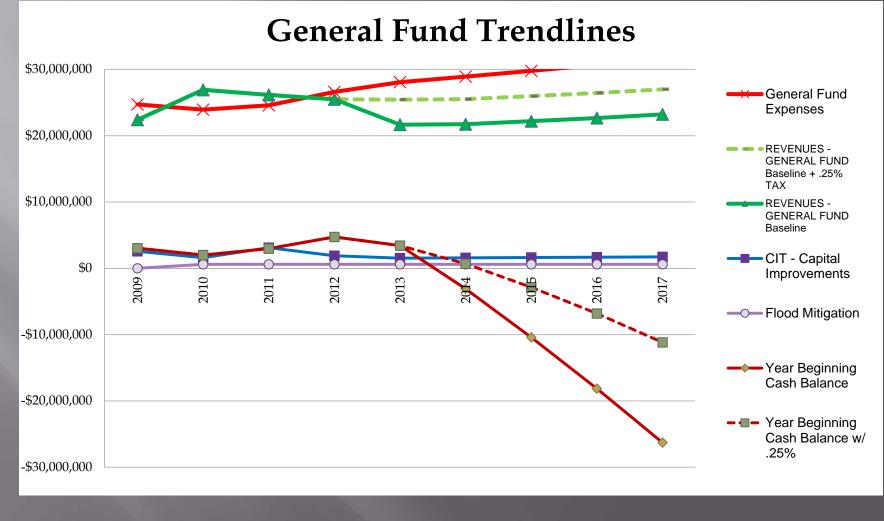


## Debt

- Based on current revenue projections and city policy we have \$0/year available for debt service in GF Capital Improvements Plan
- Water Fund will likely need a bond issue for upcoming projects.
- Next potential call/re-funding mid 2013 with minimal impact to General Fund
- Findlay's bond rating (AA) is at risk until permanent budget solution is enacted



## **General Fund Outlook**



7/24/2012



### **Current Action Items**

State Auditor's Office has not indicated a date for completion of Performance Audit Auditor Staschiak recommending 2 year budget plan be prepared for 2013-2014 Temporary budget adoption is not necessary with proper management and planning Council and Administration need to agree on tax strategy and show budget works over multiple years



## Summary

- Expenses are growing faster than revenue, it is likely the city would not be able to adopt the 2014 budget, even with 1/4% additional tax and using all reserves at current trends
- Deferred capital maintenance in excess of \$7,750,000 for streets, other areas should be identified and calculated by SSD
- Utility rate increases will be necessary to prevent negative impact on capital projects for 2013
- **Equal across the board cuts will not work for many departments**
- For the Mayor to cut a proposed \$2,000,000 out of the 2013 General Fund operations budget the administration needs to reduce spending \$167,000 per month in General Fund <u>starting</u> <u>now</u>